

GYS Baseball Tournament Teams - Policies & Procedures

1. GYS Board sponsors and allows for at least a single tournament team at each playing level starting with Machine Pitch (7U) through 12U.
2. Players are only allowed to try out for one age level of tryouts each season, even if a player's age qualifies them for two different teams (ie: player's birthday is after 4/30/YY – player wants to try out for 11U but if player does not make 11U team, player cannot also tryout for 10U)
3. Players must be registered via SportsEngine and pay the \$50 tryout fee in order to participate in tournament team tryouts. This fee will be applied toward player registration fees once appointed to a team. Refund of the \$50 initial tryout registration fee will only occur if your player is not selected for a team. Selection to a team and rejection of that placement does not qualify for a refund.
4. Deviations from the standard 11 player (for 11U and older) or 12 player (for 10U and younger) tournament team can be made **ONLY** if one or more of the following criteria are met:
 - a. Number of tournament team tryout participants (larger numbers might mean a larger tournament team).
 - b. The depth and ability of those participating in the tryout (not all participants will be qualified to participate on a tournament team if the skillset is not there).
 - c. A tournament team can consist of up to 14 players IF it is determined by the head tournament team coach to do so.
5. If tryout numbers and talent allow, additional tournament team(s) at that level may be formed at the discretion of the board.
 - a. The original tryout scores for ALL those who did not make the first tournament team will be used in the selection of the additional team(s).
 - b. If a player did not tryout originally; they will not be allowed to try out for the additional team(s).
 - c. Selection of the additional team(s) will follow the same criteria above in #2.
 - d. Any and all players selected to the first tournament team cannot choose not to participate on that team and be selected for the additional team(s).
 - e. Effective Spring 2022, if there are enough qualified players to form two teams at the 7U and 8U level, efforts will be made to split the two teams evenly by ability at the age level based on tryout scores.
6. There are a maximum number of tournaments allowed for each age group. This maximum includes the home tournament; one additional pre-season scrimmage is permitted as outlined below. Any additional tournaments above the maximum number must be reviewed and approved by the board.

Ages	Level	Scrimmages	Max Tournaments	Budget
9U-12U	Green	1 + Optional Home Scrimmage	6	Player Fees + GYS Match
9U-12U	White	1 + Optional Home Scrimmage	6	Player Fees + GYS Match
8U	All	1 + Optional Home Scrimmage	5	Player Fees + GYS Match
7U	All	Home Scrimmage Only	4	Player Fees + GYS Match

- a. The costs allocated for each age group will be based on the entry fees contributed by player registration and GYS contributed funds. GYS will match up to the total of all player registration fees collected for each team. If the player registration fees and GYS contribution

does not cover the cost of tournament registration fees the players/parents are responsible for the coverage. The Tournament Team committee will review the tournaments selected by each coach/team. Player fees will be reviewed each year.

7. All tournament players will be charged fees to help defray the costs of tournament registrations. **2026** Fees for A-level tournament team players 9U –12U will be \$200 and fees for B- level tournament team players 9U –12U will be \$150. Fees for 7U and 8U tournament team players will be \$150. GYS charges the \$50 tryout fee as noted in #3 above. Any additional fees based on age level will be collected via the uniform ordering process in SportsEngine.
8. GYS tournament costs not used by a tournament team will not carry over in any way; these are use-it or lose-it funds.
9. Players must be registered and actively participate in the GYS league program to participate on a tournament team.
10. All tournament participation applications must be turned into and approved by the Tournament Team Committee PRIOR to entering a tournament. GYS Treasurer will assist in the registration and payment for all approved tournaments using either GYS checks or the GYS credit card.
11. Parents must accept the responsibility and commitment to the team and purchase the GYS team uniform for their child(ren).
 - a. All teams will wear the same uniforms. The uniform consists of the Greenville jersey, white pants, coordinating socks, belt and uniform hat. Jersey(s) and hat(s) must be purchased from the GYS approved vendor.
 - b. 9U through 12U teams will have an option to purchase an alternate uniform, which will be the same design for all teams, only if the team unanimously chooses to exercise this option.
 - c. The alternate uniform is not permitted to have any sponsor logos on any piece of the team uniform. (i.e. jersey, pants, hat, etc.)
 - d. Only the board approved Greenville Youth Sports or Greenville Griffin logos will be permitted on the alternate uniforms and may only be purchased from approved GYS vendor.
12. Parents must sign up for and work two volunteer hours during a home-hosted tournament, per tournament team player. This is in addition to GYS League volunteer requirements. If volunteer hours are not fulfilled by end of last home-hosted tournament each tournament player that does not fulfill their hours will owe \$100 per hour of unfulfilled time (up to \$200 per player). This is agreed to in the Code of Conduct that is signed upon registration for your player.
13. Parents are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all tournaments and follow and respect the tournament rules (including “carry ins” – remember your words and actions represent our organization and our community).
14. The head coaching positions are a one (1) year appointment and head coach will not be determined until after the team has been selected. (refer to Coach Selection section)
15. Coaches are required to wear provided GYS apparel from board approved vendor at all tournaments.
 - a. The Board will provide an apparel stipend for new head coach and named assistant coach(es).
 - b. All other assistants must also be in uniform at ALL tournaments and must purchase their own apparel to be allowed on the field or within the dugout.

Tournament Team Tryouts

A tryout date will be set by the GYS Tournament Team Committee. Any information regarding the tryouts will be passed on to all the league coaches and communicated to all players. It will also be posted on the GYS website and social media.

1. Participants will register for the tryouts of a single age group and pay the outlined tryout registration fee by age and level. This fee will be applied to the tournament team fees if selected for a GYS tournament team.
 - a. Players are allowed to play with their “age” eligibility for tournament teams. The birthday cutoff is Apr. 30 (i.e. a player trying out for 8U cannot turn 9 on or before Apr. 30 the year they will be playing 8U). However, we encourage players to play with their grade.
2. The GYS Tournament Team Committee will appoint judges to assess tryouts.
 - a. The adults selected to help judge and pick the tournament team cannot have a child trying out for that specific team.
 - b. A board member is to be present at each tryout; their job is to observe and ensure fairness. The observer can’t be part of the selection committee.
 - c. Board members are allowed to be a part of the evaluations, as long as they don’t have a child trying out for that age group.
3. The recommended tryout format is to evaluate the players’ skills in fielding, throwing, hitting, speed, and agility. All evaluators’ scores will be used to determine the player rankings after the tryout in each area.
4. A “make-up” tryout can be granted – per approval of the tournament team committee – for an excused absence. The tryout must be pre-arranged and within a reasonable timeframe of the original tryout date.

Coach Selection

1. All individuals interested in head coaching a tournament team must notify the Tournament Team committee of their interest no later than August 1 – prior to the upcoming season –
 - a. Coaches will be determined by: applications, their previous year’s performance and experience (not based on wins and losses) recommendations, survey results and survey comments.
 - b. All head coaching positions will be appointed after tryout.
 - c. Tournament coaching selection is the sole responsibility of GYS Board.
2. The head coach will appoint an assistant coach once final tournament team has been determined.
 - a. A tournament team may have up to two (2) additional assistant coaches to help during tournament games (on the bench).
 - b. Other assistant coaches and/or responsibilities will be named/assigned after the final team roster is made – per the coach’s decision. For example: team scorekeeper, bench coach, and practice assistant coaches.
3. All coaches may be evaluated in a year end survey provided to the parents and assistant coaches of their team.
4. The head coach & assistant coach applicants must complete all of the following prior to coaching:
 - a. Consent to, and pass, a criminal background check.
 - b. Complete Safe Sport training and submit completion certificate to gys.griffins@greenvilleyouthsports.com
 - c. Sign and submit the Coaches Code of Conduct.
5. Coaches selected must not have any infractions against them from the previous year of coaching. (i.e. uniform infractions, code of conduct infractions, etc.)

Tournament Team Practices

1. League team practices have priority over tournament team practices in regards to field scheduling and player attendance.
2. We expect our tournament team coaches to use discretion and take into account players family and personal time when scheduling practice time during a week. We expect our coaches to use common sense in regards to excessive practice.
3. We expect our tournament team coaches to ALWAYS keep the athletes best interest in mind; especially when it comes to pitching. We do not want our athletes over throwing and doing damage to their young arms.
 - a. Tournament team coaches are encouraged / recommended to communicate with the league coaches and together manage the total number of pitches thrown in a week as well as days of rest.
 - b. It is encouraged / recommended that tournament coaches will manage their tournament pitchers by a **"Pitch Count"** vs. using the tournament rules; typically written as "numbers of innings".
 - c. The GYS Board recommends and **STRONGLY** encourages **ALL** coaches to only allow pitchers to throw 180 pitches in a 7 day period.